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## A REMARKABLE VICTORY.

Remarkable in more ways than one was the outcome of last Tuesday's national election; for not only did President Wilson snatch victory from the very jaws of defeat, but the prognostications of the country's best informed political prophets went astray, doubtful states having completely failed to follow the alignment which these prophets claimed would be absolutely necessary for the Democrats to win.

Most of the political soothsayers contended that the Democrats could not win without New York, but a few claimed that they could lose the Empire State, and by carrying Indiana and Illinois, still have a fighting chance. All protested, however, that should Hughes carry these three states a Wilson victory would be impossible; but the fact that the most sagacious savants some times make mistakes is shown in the outcome, for while Justice Hughes carried all three of the so-called pivotal states, his opponent was elected.

All the early news was favorable to Hughes, and on Tuesday night some of the leading papers in New York were so sure of his victory that they sent out "flashes" declaring he had been elected. The tide later began to turn, however, and these "flashes" were withdrawn. Throughout Tuesday night and Wednesday the result remained in doubt, and it was not until 8:30 o'clock Thursday night that the Associated Press announced that President Wilson had received 271 electoral votes, which were more than enough to elect him. When this announcement was made it filled with elation the hearts of Democrats throughout the country; for the Associated Press is generally recognized as the most reliable news gathering agency in the world, and the people know that it never makes an assertion which cannot be backed up by facts.

While the result is a great Democratic victory, it is a still greater personal victory for President Wilson, as it shows that the people have unlimited confidence in him, and are willing to allow him, in shaping the policy of the government, to shape their destiny as well, in this time of turbulence and trepidation.

That this confidence is not misplaced, no unprejudiced man who has followed the course of President Wilson since he has been in public life will gainsay. He is not only an unusually sagacious man, but an exceedingly honest one as well, and every law enacted at his suggestion or at his behest has been one calculated to benefit the country. He has not pampered the classes or played to the galleries; but has, on the other hand, been guided by a brilliant intellect and a laudable desire to benefit his constituents, and with these two factors dominating his course salutary results have necessarily been obtained, and will continue to be obtained as long as he occupies the White House.

One of the outstanding features of the election is that money does not control politics. The Republicans were far more plentifully supplied with funds than were their opponents, and it has been charged that thousands of negroes were taken to doubtful states to vote for Hughes; but if this was done the money so expended was wasted, as Wilson has been re-elected, and honesty, truth and sagacity will continue to characterize the policy of the administration during the next quadrennial period, if not longer.

## THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Mississippi Baptists are to hold their annual convention here this week, and Columbus is preparing to extend to the delegates who will attend a hearty, cordial and sincere welcome.

It is expected that there will be between seven and eight hundred visitors in attendance, and among them will be prominent clergymen and lay workers not only from

from every portion of Mississippi but from other states as well. Among the various religious denominations of the state the Baptists are in great preponderance, and in the coming convention 1,704 churches with a total membership aggregating about 170,000 will be represented.

Most of the delegates will be entertained at private residences while in Columbus, and the committee named to make arrangements for their entertainment has experienced no difficulty in securing places of damage for them. When other denominations have held meetings here during past years local Baptists have always freely opened their homes to the delegates, and now Columbusians who are connected with other churches are glad that the coming convention is going to afford them an opportunity to reciprocate. Believing with Cleora that "It is a true saying that we must eat many measures of salt together to be able to discharge the functions of friendship," they are going to take both clergymen and laymen to their firesides, and extend to them hospitalities which it is a pleasure for gracious hosts to bestow upon honored guests.

The convention will be presided over by Dr. J. L. Johnson, president of the Woman's College at Hattiesburg. Dr. Johnson is well known in Columbus, having been a resident of the city for several years when his late lamented father was pastor of the First Baptist church, and will be extended a most cordial welcome.

The first session of the convention will be held next Wednesday, and will be preceded by a meeting of the Pastors' Conference, which will be held Tuesday. The annual sermon to the pastors will be delivered by Dr. R. L. Scarborough of Fort Worth, Texas, while Rev. Martin Ball of Clarksdale will be the principal convention orator.

In the work of preparing for the convention and making arrangements for the entertainment of those who will attend Dr. J. L. Vipperman, the beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church, has been exceedingly active, and has received enthusiastic and efficient aid from members of the various local committees. Plans for the convention have been carefully worked out, and the stay of the visitors is sure to be fraught with both profit and pleasure.

## ONE REPUBLICAN SATISFIED.

There is undoubtedly one Republican, or a pseudo Republican, at least, to whom the defeat of the party at the polls last Tuesday brought no regret, and that is Theodore Roosevelt; for while the Colonel ostensibly supported Justice Hughes he never really wanted to see his elected.

The Sage of Oyster Bay is a pretty shrewd schemer, and, after having failed to secure his own nomination at the Republican convention in Chicago last June, decided to make a bluff at supporting the nominee, having undoubtedly figured out that if Justice Hughes failed of election the party would turn to him in 1920 as the only Moses who could lead them out of the wilderness.

This is a pretty shrewd scheme—if it works. However, "the best laid plans of mice and men oft gang aglee," and the Colonel may fail in this, just as he failed of selection as the Republican standard bearer both in 1912 and 1916. It is a well known fact that Judge Taft was nominated in 1908 through manipulations on the part of Roosevelt, who figured that the administration of his protégé would be so unsatisfactory that he would be nominated four years later; but the party leaders fooled him, having given Taft an indorsement nomination, and Roosevelt withdrew from Republican ranks, causing a split which resulted in the election of President Wilson.

## ABUNDANT PROSPERITY.

It is generally conceded that the country has been unusually prosperous under the Wilson administration, and additional proof of the fact is found in a report recently issued by Bradstreet. This is one of the foremost commercial agencies in the country, and the report was prepared by an expert, who states that he found "little or no political excitement, superabundant activity and not enough materials to go around, animated industries with too few producers to get out needed supplies, farmers getting high prices and paying up old debts, record railway earnings, acute car shortages, unparalleled railway tonnage, extra good collections and easy

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President Woodrow Wilson.

No king is he of royal birth,

But greater far in blood and worth;

No royal raiment wears he wear,

No pompous title does he bear.

With modest mien and purpose

true,

His noble spirit guides us thro'—

Where trials beset on every hand,

Our own, our loved, our native land.

With power to crush ambition's

greed,

He labors for the country's need;

With such a man as he to guide,

A calm and peace should sway the

tide.

O'er stormy breakers he will go,

No thought of self—for high or low.

Courageously in cause or right—

He stems the tide with wondrous

might.

Much greater far than any king,

And honorable in every thing—

He firmly sways on justice bent—

Our own, our loved our president.

He does not rule, but wins the land,

And leads the way with steady hand,

And strives to answer every call,

By doing what is best for all.

A crown of glorious manhood rest

Upon the brow that does the best

That man can do. Oh, may it be

As light as air—from care as free.

No man with stronger, gentler hand

Has ever led our native land;

A nation's heart will pray intent—

"God bless our president!"

—Agnes Neville Davis in Atlanta

Journal.

FROM THE SPECTATOR.

I. I. & C. to Play University.

Basketball game, I. I. & C. vs.

University of Miss., College campus,

Nov. 17, 3 P. M. Admission 25c.

On Friday, November seventeenth,

two great forces will meet. I. I. &

C. Varsity will play University of

Mississippi co-eds. The meeting

will take place on the I. I. & C. campus

at three o'clock P. M., promptly.

The admission for everyone is twenty-

five cents.

You remember that last year the

University co-eds came over and

played I. I. & C. Varsity. Before

the game they tried in every conceivable

manner to frighten these stalwart

fighters of our basketball court. Articles

were written in the University paper about the

white-washed I. I. & C. girls. Letters

were received from University friends

laughing at us for daring to play the

University co-eds. But you remember how

we "walked off," smiling—rather, yelling, over the

result, which was 56 to 19 in our favor.

Now, these threats of last year will

no doubt be repeated this year—but,

we "can't be fooled twice." We are not

afraid of the University co-eds, nor can

we be made to be by any "big talk"

beforehand on their part. We know which

one are Amazons and which the Lilliputians.

The I. I. & C. array is as follows:

Ima James, 1918; Grace Newell,

1918; Marie Dorris, 1919; Georgia

Quarles, 1917; Minnie Drye McWilliams,

1919; Elizabeth Loggins, 1919; Mattie

Carter, 1919; Louis Lloyd, 1917; Nell

James, 1918; Mary Francis, 1918; George

Carlisle, 1917; Hazel Milton, 1918; Euana

Griffin, 1918; Dewetta Burkett, 1920;

Leah Dacey, 1920; Ruth Heslip, 1920;

Susie May Stanley, 1920.

On December 2nd, I. I. & C. Varsity

will go down to Hattiesburg, and there

play both the Woman's College and the

Hattiesburg Normal. The week following,

these two colleges will play us again on

our own court.

Juniors Win Loving Cup.

The victory of the Juniors over the

Sophomores in the last series of basketball

games played Wednesday, November the

eighth, gave to '18 the college championship and

made them holders of the cup for a second

time. As usual the enthusiasm shown at

the final games was the greatest of the

year. The largest crowd of the season

was present to see these last games and the

clash yells and songs were given with

zeal. The interest was centered about the

Junior-Sophomore game, as the outcome

would decide who was to hold the cup

for this year.

The game was called by the referee,

Miss Massengale, and proved one of the

best ever played on the courts here. The

teams were well matched, both being

comprised of the best players in college,

and the outcome was doubtful up to the

last second. The Juniors made the first

start and in this way got the lead which

they kept throughout the game. At the end

of the first quarter they were leading, six

to three.

The team work of the two teams

and the playing of the individual players

were both exceptionally good. The Juniors

had the advantage over the other team,

however, on account of their players being

larger. The scores at the end of the second

ending were twelve to seven in favor of

the Juniors.

In the third quarter the Junior goals

were at their best. Newell and

# It's Marvelous You can Hear So Distinctly



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James made good almost every throw and pulled the scores up to twenty-two to eleven. Two of the Sophomore scores were made by free throws allowed because of fouls made by the Juniors. In the last quarter the Sophomore team played much better than at any other time. The playing of McWilliams in center, and Cochran and Francis, all Sophomore players, was unusually good. Both teams fought desperately up to the final whistle caught the scores twenty-four to seventeen with the Juniors on top, thus giving them the honor of holding the cup for a second time.

The Senior-Freshman game proved good practice for both teams. Lloyd, Quarles and Bennett, the three main props of the Senior team, were unable to play, so the Freshman team wasn't so much as bothered. The score began to the tune of sixteen to nothing at the end of the first quarter, and as the result of four such the score board showed fifty-five to nothing. But the Seniors know how to take defeat.

"Go tell the Freshmen, They white-washed us nice and clean."

Faculty Gives Play. Before a large and appreciative audience, composed of college students and a few specially invited guests, members of the faculty presented on Friday evening "The Ladies of Cranford." The cast consisted of some of the most talented members early coached by Miss Ellen Crawford.

Miss Sar Neilson, as Miss Matty Jenkins, showed unusual ability, recreating for the audience the English spinster of the early eighties. Miss Eckford, in the part of Miss Pole, showed herself the possessor of an undiscovered talent which she has neglected to display before, and Miss Barringer was quite natural as the suave and confident Mrs. Jameson.

The stage setting was unusually attractive and the costumes, many of which were the real dresses of old time ladies, as well as the beautiful polk bonnets which were manufactured for the occasion, added much to the interest of the charming play.

The cast was as follows: Miss Matty Jenkins, the Rector's Daughter..... Sara Neilson

Miss Mary Smith, her London Visitor..... Baulah Culberson

Miss Jessie Brown, a newcomer in Cranford..... Susie Will Gunter

Miss Pole, an emphatic friend of Miss Jenkins..... Martha O. Eckford

Miss Betsey Barker, a retired milliner..... Evelyn Windham

Mrs. Forrester, poor "but born a Tyroil"..... M. Emeth Tuttle

The Hon. Mrs. Jameson, leader in Society..... Anne Barringer

Martha, maid to Miss Jenkins..... Sara Frances Rowan

Peggy, maid to Miss Barker..... Ruby Caulfield

Mrs. Purkis, a country customer..... Marguerite Mallon

Little Susan, her daughter..... Sue Fay Nall

Little James, her son..... Jenny, a country maiden..... F. Cunningham

Juniors Change Uniform Collar. The Juniors being very much dis-

satisfied with the uniform striped collars, have decided to change. The present striped collars have proven very unsatisfactory because they did not come up to the expectation of the class. The class voted to wear the narrow stripes until the committee shall decide upon some other form of distinction.

What the Y. W. C. A. May Mean to I. I. & C. Students. The Young Women's Christian Association, the great spiritual force of the I. I. & C. means a great deal to us as students, in the development of our personalities.

The Sunday night services, not only fill the places of a real church sermon, but also give the specific help that we need as I. I. & C. girls. The spiritual and physical problems that confront us every day as college students are thoughtfully discussed and many times solved. In the morning prayer meetings, as well as Sunday night services, we receive inspiration for the faithful performance of our routine duties, and spiritual strength for the conquest of the bigger tasks, when they arise. To me, not only the thought given by the leader, but also the sight of the hundreds of young faces listening to a divine message, and bowing their heads as they speak to God, is very beautiful.

Through the atmosphere diffused by the Y. W. C. A., we get into a more natural attitude towards our Creator. Even though we have always lived in homes of deep Christianity, we probably have never felt such a direct contact with our Heavenly Father as we experience here. Heretofore our religion has possibly been remote from our lives; something to be used on Sunday's only. Just as some people use their parlors on Sunday only. Here, however, our religion is made a real, vital part of our existence. We assimilate it and embody it into our every act, and soon we have learned what practical Christianity and the golden rule mean.

This organization besides giving us a new attitude toward our Father, also gives us that which we all wish for, and need—friendship. In committee work we form true and lasting friendships, for here we often discover a deep and strong side of a girl's nature that, in the busy whirl of our external life, has heretofore been hidden. In planning and executing our work, there is a spiritual communion and sacred companionship established that can come only through the union of thoughts and energies in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. In helping others, and doing little kindnesses during the first and succeeding days of school, we meet many girls whom we would probably never know otherwise. We do services for many people, and thus grow to love them, for there is no surer way of creating a loving spirit than by service.

One of the most important benefits of the Y. W. C. A. lies in the development of personality. No greater opportunities for the development of leadership are offered by any phase of college activity. Leading the morning prayer meeting, teaching a Bible class, talking in the

Sunday night service, are simple but effective means of testing, strengthening and perfecting the power of self-expression. The world judges personality by the ability one possesses of expressing one's thoughts in clear, well-chosen words. The power to stand before an audience and speak in a self-possessed, well-poised way is a valuable asset that is acquired by active participation in Y. W. C. A. work.

This Association then may mean much to the life of every student. Even if we put very little into it, we are bound to feel the reflection of the beautiful spirit of love and service around us. If we put our best into it, we will get a return of "that joy and blessedness which is the better part," the most vital phase of our crowded lives.

On Tuesday, November 14th, there will be exhibited in the chapel stereopticon pictures of Oriental Association work, from 6 to 6:30.

TRUSTEE'S SALE. State of Mississippi, County of Lowndes.

By virtue of the power vested in me as substituted Trustee in a certain Deed of Trust, made and delivered on the 7th day of January, 1913, by W. T. Cole to secure the payment to R. F. Henry of certain indebtedness therein mentioned, record of which said Deed of Trust is made in the office of the Chancery Clerk of said county and state, in Deed Book 99, page 44, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house door in the City of Columbus, said state and county, on the 4th day of December, 1916, between legal hours of sale the following real estate, to-wit:

The Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, and the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, of Section Two, Township Eighteen, Range Seventeen West; containing 60 acres more or less.

The title to the above property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee under said Deed of Trust.

Columbus, Mississippi, November 11, 1916.

OLIN STOREY, Trustee.

Defined. "What is a pedestrian, Pa?" "A pedestrian, my boy, is a man who can't afford to buy an automobile."—Atlanta Georgian.

Phrases change as we go along. Now they're saying, "As plain as the paint on a woman's face."—Ex.

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